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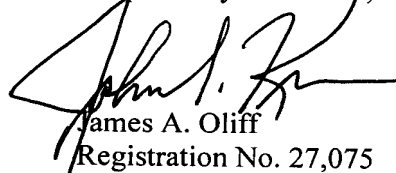
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- ☒ 2. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the European search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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